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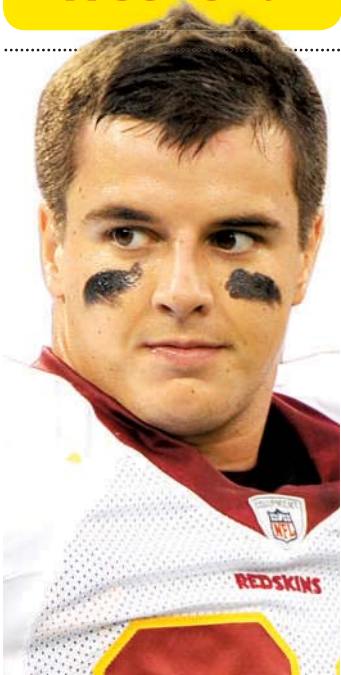
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Burping in class was enough to get one Albuquerque, N.M., boy handcuffed by a police officer, arrested and hauled off to a juvenile detention center. The Albuquerque Journal reports the incident happened last May at Cleveland Middle School after the boy "burped audibly" in his P.E. class. The boy was then transported to the juvenile center without his parents being notified. (AP)

CRITICISM

'Loses a Star Due to Extortion And Awkward Second Career'

A lawsuit says a New York City dentist who moonlights as a singer is trying to prevent patients from posting online reviews of her dental work. Former patient Robert Lee says Dr. Stacy Makhnevich forced him to sign an agreement not to criticize her online before she worked on his tooth. But a post by Lee on Yelp alleged the dentist overbilled him by \$4,000. He said Makhnevich accused him of breaching the agreement and billed him \$100 for every day his negative posting remained online. (AP)

FASHION FAUX PAS

Banks Not Looking So Bad

Charity workers continued their search Wednesday through a warehouse of donated clothes in Iowa after an elderly man said he mistakenly donated a suit with \$13,000 in a coat pocket to a Goodwill store in Moline, Ill. The 80-year-old Illinois man notified Goodwill last week of the mistake. (AP)

The Big Picture

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'BURT, YOU CAN JUST TURN THE MAP THE OTHER SIDE UP': Active servicemen from the Royal Signals White Helmets practice a routine ahead of the British Military Tournament at Earls Court on Thursday in London. The show takes place this weekend at Earls Court Exhibition Centre. (GETTY)

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Romney Fights To Stay on Top

Gingrich, Obama are likeliest rivals in race for the White House

Washington

Suddenly, Mitt Romney is fighting a two-front political war.

The Republican presidential contender has skated along for much of the year as GOP challengers surged and faded. But now he faces an unexpected, more serious threat from Newt Gingrich — just as President Obama's team is sharpening its criticism of Romney, who the president's aides view as his likeliest foe next fall.

With only a month before the Iowa caucuses kick off the nominating fight, Gingrich's rise has forced Romney's campaign to evaluate a new reality: He no longer has the luxury of staying above the Republican primary fray, avoiding tough questions about his own record and hammering Obama while essential-

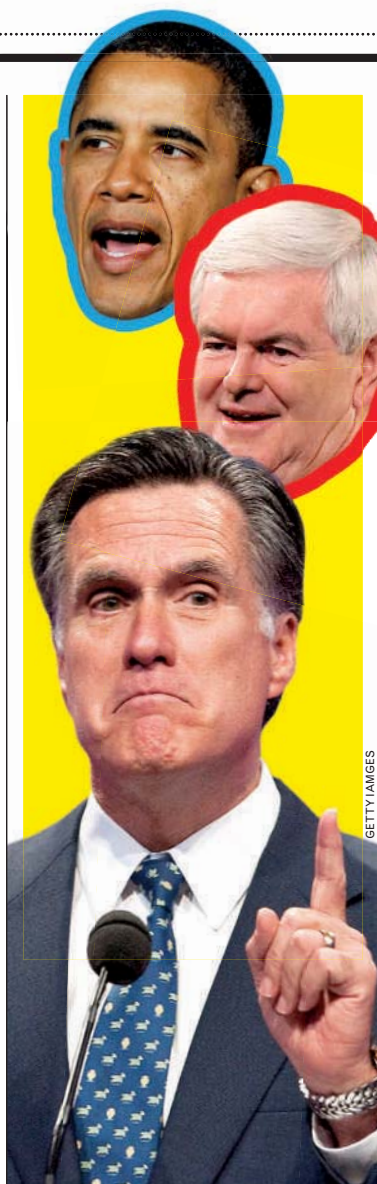
Meanwhile ...

Herman Cain says his wife, Gloria, did not know about his friendship with a woman who says the two had an affair — or that he was providing her with money. In an interview Thursday with the New Hampshire Union Leader, the Republican presidential hopeful said he gave Ginger White money to help her with "month-to-month bills and expenses" without telling his wife. Cain has denied a sexual relationship and said he and White were only friends. (AP)

ly ignoring his GOP rivals.

Well aware of the new challenge, Romney has started fighting back against two opponents from opposite ends of the political spectrum — no easy feat — while also defending himself from continuing criticism of reversals, equivocations and shifts on a range of issues.

What does he have to say now



about Gingrich? "He's a lifelong politician," Romney declared this week, signaling his intention to go after the former House speaker and long-time Washington insider in hopes of knocking him off course. Romney also is set to air his first television commercials on Friday in Iowa, where polls show Gingrich and him locked in a tight race.

The coming weeks will show whether Romney can wage two fights at once.

At the same time, Romney intends to keep the heat on Obama, convinced that his best chance at clinching the GOP nomination is to persuade Republican primary voters that he's the strongest candidate to take on the Democratic incumbent on their biggest issue, the economy, next fall.

"They don't want to see me as the nominee, that's for sure," Romney chided in response to ads the Democratic National Committee rolled out this week attacking Romney for flip-flopping on a series of issues. "It shows that they're awfully afraid of facing me in the general election." KASIE HUNT (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

ACLU: FBI Collected Information on Muslims

The American Civil Liberties Union released documents Thursday that they say show the FBI ran background checks on people they encountered at Muslim-related events and recorded personal information between 2007 and 2009. (AP)

ORLANDO, FLA.

FAMU Expels 4 Students Connected to Death

Florida A&M University said that it's dismissing four students for their role in the death of marching band member Robert Champion on Nov. 19, while audio of an emergency call released Thursday showed that Champion had vomit in his mouth moments before he died. (AP)


STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Penn State to Give \$1.5M To Sex Abuse Groups

Penn State University, still coping with the fallout from a sex-abuse scandal involving assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, said Thursday it will divert \$1.5 million from its athletics programs and donate it to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. In its search for a new football coach, the school is focusing on candidates with characteristics including honesty and integrity. (AP)

Bad Apples: It's true — apple juice can pose a risk to your health. But not necessarily from the trace amounts of arsenic that people are arguing about. Despite Thursday's announcement that the Food and Drug Administration is considering new limits on arsenic, nutrition experts say apple juice's real danger is to waistlines and children's teeth. Apple juice has few natural nutrients, lots of calories and, in some cases, more sugar than soda. (AP)





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Economic Growth Stalls

Despite some strong signs, report to show only modest gains

Washington

Factories are producing more. Construction is growing. People are buying more cars. The holiday shopping season is off to a strong start.

Normally, all of that would suggest a bright outlook for the economy. The problem is that employers still aren't hiring much, the number of people seeking unemployment benefits remains high, and Europe's debt crisis poses a grave threat to the future.

Thursday's mixed economic picture came a day before the government will report on unemployment and job growth for November. That report is expected to show a modest net gain of 125,000 jobs, scarcely

Hazy Outlook

Analysts say the economy remains locked in a good-but-hardly-good-enough position: It's growing consistently, yet too weakly to induce employers to hire aggressively. "The economy is picking up momentum as we close out 2011," said Neil Dutta, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. At the same time, it faces "an ongoing flu in Europe" and other challenges, such as uncertainty about future taxes and spending in the United States, Dutta said. (AP)

enough to keep up with population growth. The unemployment rate is projected to remain 9 percent.

Mark Vitner, an economist at Wells Fargo, suggested that employers are reluctant to hire freely because the U.S. economy's future appears hazy.

For one thing, a Social Security

tax cut that provided an average \$1,000 in extra cash this year for about 160 million Americans could expire at year's end. Republican lawmakers did take steps Thursday to extend the cut, along with emergency unemployment benefits. But it's still uncertain whether the money will be renewed.

In addition, the Obama administration's health care reform could slow hiring next year, Vitner said, because it will require companies to provide coverage by 2013 or pay a fine.

And any worsening of Europe's financial crisis could cause U.S. and European banks to cut back on lending and hoard cash. That would slow the economy. Concerns about a credit crunch led the Federal Reserve and five other central banks to take coordinated action this week to lower the cost of dollar loans in Europe and elsewhere.

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER (AP)

Massive Windstorm Batters Calif.



MIKE MEADOWS/AP

A TOPPLED TREE CRUSHES A VAN Thursday in Los Angeles as winds up to 140 mph flipped over trees and trucks, and knocked out power to more than 300,000 customers on Wednesday. High wind warnings and advisories were issued for parts of California, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico.

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\$876M The surplus amount for the rest of Minnesota's two-year budget, officials announced Thursday, months after partisan deadlock led to a partial shutdown of state government. (AP)

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Anti-austerity protesters rally peacefully on Thursday in Athens, Greece.

ATHENS

Calm Protests in Greece Amid General Strike

As 20,000 Greeks marched Thursday in Athens against government cutbacks, one key element of most Greek protests was lacking: violence. Apart from one petrol bomb and a smashed car, calm reigned at two protests in the capital during the first general strike under Greece's new coalition government. (AP)

LONDON

More Support for Euro Possible, Bank Chief Says

The head of the European Central Bank signaled Thursday that the bank may be willing to take more aggressive steps to stem the region's debt crisis — if the eurozone backs a plan to tame spending. President Mario Draghi endorsed a pact that could effectively forfeit budgetary independence. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hearsay

“The EU made very clear that it will not bow to Iran's intimidation and bullying tactics. We will not back down.”

— BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY WILLIAM HAGUE, IN A STATEMENT AFTER THE EU, ANGERED BY THE ATTACK ON THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN TEHRAN ON SUNDAY, STIFFENED SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN ON THURSDAY, THOUGH IT DID NOT PROHIBIT OIL PURCHASES.

Islamists Likely Lead Egypt Vote

Early election tally may hint that a shift in power is coming

Cairo

Islamists appear to have taken a strong majority of seats in the first round of Egypt's first parliamentary vote since Hosni Mubarak's ouster, a trend that if confirmed would give religious parties a popular mandate in the struggle to win control from the ruling military and ultimately reshape a key U.S. ally.

Final results, expected Friday, will be the clearest indication in

Long Process Ahead

A collision between the military and the Muslim Brotherhood over the next stage of Egypt's transition would add yet another layer of turmoil to the country after nearly 10 months of disputes. The voting on Monday and Tuesday was to determine about 30 percent of the 498 seats of the People's Assembly, parliament's lower house. Parliament will hold its inaugural session in March, meaning that a new constitution must be drafted and adopted before Egypt's presidential elections, which are expected by July. (AP)

decades of Egyptians' political views and give the long-banned Muslim Brotherhood a major role in parliament. An Islamist majority could also herald a greater role for conservative Islam and shifts in foreign policy, especially toward Israel and the Palestinians.

The showing in Egypt, long a linchpin of regional stability, would be the clearest signal yet that parties connected to political Islam will emerge as the Arab Spring's main beneficiaries.

Tunisia and Morocco have both elected Islamist majorities to

5 The number of rounds remaining in Egypt's elections to select its first parliament since Hosni Mubarak was ousted in February. (AP)

parliament, and while Libya has yet to announce dates for its elections, Islamists have emerged as a strong force there since rebels overthrew Moammar Gadhafi in August.

Judges overseeing the Egyptian tally said Thursday that near-complete results show the Muslim Brotherhood, the country's largest and best organized political group, could take up to 45 percent of the contested seats. BEN HUBBARD (AP)

Clinton Strikes a Friendly Tone in Myanmar



SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON SOUNDS A BELL Thursday for good luck while visiting a Buddhist temple in Rangoon, Myanmar. Clinton, on the first trip to the country by a secretary of state in more than 50 years, later met with former political prisoner Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel laureate who was released from nearly two decades of house arrest last year, and also urged Myanmar to expand reforms in order to improve relations with the U.S.

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U.N.: Syria Gripped by Civil War

Beirut

Syria has entered a state of civil war with more than 4,000 people dead and an increasing number of soldiers defecting from the army to fight President Bashar Assad's regime, the U.N.'s top human rights official said Thursday.

Civil war has been the worst-case scenario in Syria since the revolt against Assad began eight months ago. Damascus has a web of allegiances that extends to Lebanon's powerful Hezbollah movement and Iran's Shiite theocracy, raising fears of a regional conflagration.

The assessment that the bloodshed in Syria has crossed into civil war came from the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay. In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Toner declined to call it a civil war, though the Syrian conflict has shown little sign of letting up. Activists reported up to 22 people killed Thursday. (AP)

26K The number of measles cases, including nine deaths, reported in Europe this year as of October, according to a report released Thursday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's a threefold increase in cases from the same time period in 2007, said the World Health Organization. France accounted for about 14,000 cases. The epidemic was fueled mainly by low vaccination rates, WHO officials said. (AP)

Cover Story

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Suffering In Silence

Metro riders may gripe aplenty, but few log complaints with the agency

Washington

Ask a Metro rider what's wrong with the rail system and you're apt to hear, "How long can you ride along and listen?"

The list goes on and on: Late and crowded trains. Inaudible announcements. Broken escalators — again and again. Rude or unhelpful station managers. Fare card machines that don't work. Poorly lit stations. Not enough signs. Smelly brake dust. Dirty trains. And all of this for fares that some complain are too high.

But transit agency records show few riders formally complain, when compared to the hundreds of thousands who ride the five lines and 106 miles of track every day.

Pat Bender, who has commuted daily to D.C. from Northern Virginia for 15 years, summed up her feelings: "I hate Metro."

Bender said she files two or three complaints online each month. Problems include: Why

does she have to pay more at such busy stations as West Falls Church and Metro Center when trains are eight, 10 or up to 15 minutes late during rush hour? Also, she's asked Metro, why does she have to pay the higher weekday fares on federal holidays such as Columbus Day?

Metro received 15,514 complaints from January 2010 to July 2011, according to agency data. That represents less than 2 percent of the riders who make 737,196 trips on an average weekday.

Given that most commuters take the train to and from the office, that's 10 times a week that Metro has "the opportunity to satisfy their expectations or miss the mark," said Lynn Bowersox, Metro's managing director of public relations.

Transportation experts said Metro riders expect a system that runs smoothly on a daily basis probably more so than other such places as New York or Chicago.

7,193

The number of complaints logged by Metro riders on the Red Line, the busiest in the system, from January 2010 to July 2011, Metro data show. The Blue and Orange lines ranked second with 5,466; and the Yellow and Green lines were third with 2,855. Among the top complaints — 3,511 across all five lines — were delays, late trains and inadequate service.

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1,969 Elevator/escalator
1,144 Rude, uncooperative staff
752 Air-conditioning/heating on rail cars
710 Train door closings
332 Dirty rail cars and stations

► ON COMPLAINTS

Nearly two-thirds of the complaints Metro receives come in by phone, while the other third are received online or via email. Lynn Bowersox, Metro's managing director of public relations, said the goal is to respond to customers within 72 hours, and Metro officials said the agency typically meets that for "routine matters." (TWP)

"D.C. is the capital city," said Joshua Schank, an urban planner and transportation expert. "If [the Metro] doesn't run well or function well, it reflects poorly on the city and the country. It is America's subway."

Metro recently launched a campaign called Metro Forward to publicize an extensive effort to repair and upgrade the system. Chief Metro spokesman Dan Stessel said that seems to be gaining traction among riders.

But some passengers said it just isn't easy to file a complaint, and others believe the system is so broken that they won't be heard.

Eric Fingerhut, 41, of Bethesda, said he thought one way to voice his concerns would be to join Metro's Riders Advisory Council. He applied online in mid-October and received an email acknowledgment.

But Fingerhut said he never heard anything more.

"I see things and I don't understand why they happen or things that can be improved," he said.

Take one evening, when there weren't enough working escalators at Gallery Place to accommodate the crowds after a Washington Capitals game at Verizon Center.

"It's easy things like that where you wonder, 'Is anyone paying attention?'" he said. DANA HEDGPETH

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Fare Jumps?

THE WARNING

Because Metro faces a \$124 million budget shortfall, riders will "likely" see fare hikes next year, said Metro's chief financial officer, Carol Kissal.

THE PRECEDENT

In 2010, Metro implemented the most expansive fare hike in its history, including "peak-of-the-peak" rates for riders who travel during the rail system's busiest times. While ridership dropped some, few riders adjusted their commute for a cheaper time, Metro officials said.

THE CULPRIT

Pension costs are the driver of Metro's projected deficit, officials said. Of Metro's 11,000 employees, 85 percent don't contribute to their pension, leaving Metro the sole contributor, officials said. Pensions took a major hit in the economic downturn, so Metro has to make up the cost.

THE OPTIONS

Metro's proposed options include making the now-complex fare system easier to understand; raising rates 10 cents on both the bus and rail networks; and implementing a zone system on trains that's based on how far riders travel. (TWP)

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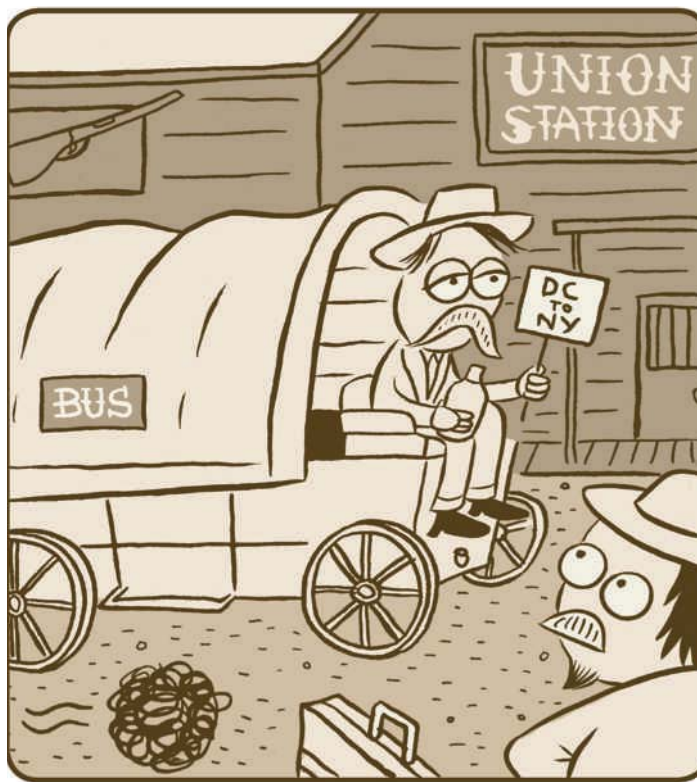
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he said. "As long as I get to where I need to be, it's fine."

Won's definition of "fine" is different than mine. Other than the fact that no one seemed totally sure where to stand (I got "We're hoping we're in the right line" a whole lot), the Union Station bus terminal is a dream. It's connected to Metro, Amtrak, commuter trains and tons of places to grab a bite to eat. It's covered, so it doesn't matter whether it's pouring outside. And except for a few close calls with people sprinting while wielding large bags, my life never seemed to be in danger.

It was just 10 or so years ago that the only option for catching a bus in D.C. required trudging to the creepy Greyhound terminal in a neighborhood that had yet to be NoMa-fied. That's why we rejoiced to have competitors come into town, even if riding the new buses meant standing on random corners, nervously hoping that other people with duffel bags would show up and confirm that a bus might soon arrive.

In a weird way, I miss those early days of alternative bus travel, when getting a ride to New York felt like an adventure. As soon as the companies introduced complimentary water bottles and Wi-Fi, and sophisticated online reservation systems, there was no more pretending we were pioneers.

Now that there's a convenient, covered location, the experience has gone from sketchy to downright swanky. But I'm still thankful I didn't have to go anywhere.

We've Arrived!

I didn't have plans to go out of town for Thanksgiving this year, but I knew where to find a lot of people who did: Union Station. A bigger crowd than ever was making a Wednesday getaway, thanks to the newly remodeled bus deck that's now home to most of the major intercity bus lines.

In keeping with an agreement announced over the summer, part of the garage was restriped and reconfigured so it could take bus arrivals and departures off of the streets. Over the past few months, Bolt Bus, Washington Deluxe and DC2NY have moved in. The latest addition is Megabus, which was

what 19-year-old Danny Won was planning on taking to New York for the holiday. I asked him how the new digs compared with Megabus' previous location at North Capitol and K streets NW — a spot that lacked shelter from the elements and was a longish walk from the Metro. "A bus stop is a bus stop,"



New Schedule: MARC Brunswick Line riders, take note: Your commutes may be significantly changing early next year. The Maryland Transit Administration released on Thursday a proposed schedule that is meant to reduce the times when a train must slow down to follow another train. The hope is that this would ease overcrowding on trains. Some smaller stations will have fewer departures. There will also be more limited-stop trains for West Virginia, Brunswick and Point of Rocks passengers. The new schedule could go into effect starting Jan. 30, 2012. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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In Brief

ISLAMABAD

Md. Man Held by Al-Qaeda

Al-Qaeda claimed responsibility Thursday for the kidnapping of a 70-year-old American aid worker in Pakistan in August and issued a series of demands for his release. In a video message posted on militant websites, al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahri said Warren Weinstein — who has a home in Rockville — would be released if the United States stopped airstrikes in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA

Suspect in Pentagon Shooting to Stay Jailed

A federal magistrate on Thursday ordered an ex-Marine reservist accused of firing shots at the Pentagon and other military targets to remain in jail while he awaits trial. Yonathan Melaku, 23, of Alexandria, was arrested and charged in June when he was spotted after dark in Arlington National Cemetery with a backpack containing 20 pounds of ammonium nitrate, a potential bomb-making material, last November. (AP)



Melaku

Hearsay

“A person that I care about has disappeared on my watch. It will weigh heavily on me for a very long time.”

— GARY GIORDANO, ON “GOOD MORNING AMERICA,” DEFENDED HIS ACTIONS IN THE WAKE OF HIS TRAVEL COMPANION ROBYN GARDNER’S DISAPPEARANCE IN ARUBA.

Cuccinelli Bid May Divide GOP

2013 Va. governor’s race could feature tough primary fight

Richmond

Republican Ken Cuccinelli II, Virginia’s outspoken attorney general who has drawn national support from the tea party movement, confirmed Thursday that he will run for governor in 2013.

Cuccinelli’s candidacy sets up a potentially contentious primary fight against Republican Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, the party’s presumptive gubernatorial candidate.

“I hope you have known me long enough to know that I do this out of my love for our commonwealth and to further the principles on which this country was founded,” Cuccinelli wrote in an email to his staff late Thursday.



Ken Cuccinelli, Bob McDonnell and Bill Bolling are Virginia’s top-ranking Republicans.

Cuccinelli said he did not plan to make his candidacy official until the spring, but moved up his announcement after The Washington Post reported his plans Wednesday. He said he would not resign to run for governor, as has been the practice of his predecessors.

His decision to not run for reelection, as he had said he would for months, will likely lead to a long, expensive battle between two of the state’s top Republicans.

Three years ago, Bolling and then Republican Attorney General Bob McDonnell hatched a plan:

The Other Side

Several Democrats have expressed an interest in statewide office, but only former Democratic National Committee chairman and businessman Terry McAuliffe has told supporters he will run for governor. McAuliffe unsuccessfully sought the office in 2009. (AP)

Bolling would let McDonnell run unopposed for the GOP nomination for governor, and four years later, McDonnell would back Bolling for the state’s top job.

Now, just weeks after Republicans won complete control of Richmond, the party is bracing for a potential split ahead of the 2013 election. Republicans on Thursday downplayed any potential rift in the party, but some were taking sides.

ANITA KUMAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

It’s On at the White House



THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE is illuminated during a ceremony Thursday on the Ellipse. President Obama and his family flipped the switch, and the festivities included appearances by Kermit the Frog and the band Big Time Rush.

The Lotteries

Thursday, Dec. 1

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers 3-3-1
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.) 7-3-0
Mid-day DC 4 5-7-9-1
Evening DC 4 (Wed.) 7-1-4-6
Mid-day D.C. Five 1-8-4-1-6
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.) 3-0-8-3-3
Hot Lotto (Wed.) 06-09-16-28-38 (8)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3 2-0-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 7-0-5
Mid-day Pick 4 1-1-0-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 7-0-3-5
Match 5 (Wed.) 07-17-22-27-37 (39)
Multi-Match (Mon.) 02 11 22 32 35 41

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3 4-7-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 5-2-3
Mid-day Pick 4 3-4-9-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 5-3-6-3
Mid-day Cash 5 8-9-10-11-27
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) 03-05-06-09-11
Win For Life (Wed.) 03-10-16-21-29-31 (4)

Multi-State Games

Powerball 02-06-34-35-47 (22)
Power Play 2

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express’ deadline will be published two days later.



End of an Affair: John W. Hinckley Jr., the would-be assassin who nearly killed President Ronald Reagan in 1981, was engaged to be married — to a former patient at his psychiatric hospital. Tyler G. Jones, a psychiatrist at St. Elizabeths Hospital in the District, testified in a court hearing Thursday that, while hospitalized, Hinckley proposed to a woman identified only as “CB” but then called the engagement off. Hinckley is seeking more freedom. (TWP)

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WR Danny Coale gets a kick out of doubling as the Hokies' punter | 14



TV Lineup



John Calipari leads his No. 1 Kentucky Wildcats against UNC on Saturday.

Friday

7 P.M. Jim Boeheim leads Syracuse's basketball team against Florida. Then, Vanderbilt takes on Louisville in an intriguing matchup. ESPN

8 P.M. Oregon hosts UCLA in the Big 12 championship football game. Fox

Saturday

NOON NCAA blue bloods Kentucky and North Carolina tip off in a top-notch nonconference game. CBS

NOON Can Houston finish the season undefeated when it plays SMU? ABC
7 P.M. In Dale Hunter's third game as coach, the Caps face off against the Ottawa Senators. CSN

7:30 P.M. Wisconsin tries to avenge a loss to Michigan State in the Big 10 Championship football game. Fox

8 P.M. Virginia Tech battles Clemson for the ACC title and a spot in the Orange Bowl. ESPN

Sunday

1 P.M. The Redskins can damage the Jets' playoff hopes in a game at FedEx Field. CBS

2 P.M. In the BB&T Classic, George Washington tips off against Virginia Commonwealth, and then Maryland plays Notre Dame. MASN

4:15 P.M. The Packers can improve to 12-0 with a victory over the slumping Giants. Fox

8 P.M. The red-hot Saints host the Lions. NBC

BUILDING BLOCKS

These 3 young Redskins may lay the foundation for future success

It's not easy finding positives in another disappointing Redskins season, but some young players have generated hope entering Sunday's game against the Jets. Still, this being the Redskins, fans should take caution before anointing the next star of the future. Last year's bright spots — Anthony Armstrong, Brandon Banks and Ryan Torain — have all taken steps back in 2011. ELLIOTT SMITH

Ryan Kerrigan

If not for standout QBs Andy Dalton and Cam Newton, Kerrigan would be a candidate for Rookie of the Year. The linebacker made his presence felt in the season opener with an interception return for a touchdown, and he hasn't stopped making big plays. He's teamed with Brian Orakpo to give Washington a fierce pass rush, and Kerrigan's four forced fumbles are tied for second in the NFL and complement his 49 tackles and 6.5 sacks. "I wouldn't say I've had a lot of individual success," Kerrigan said. "It's tough to look at your own numbers when you're not winning."

Roy Helu

The Redskins' running back carousel seems to have stopped on Helu, the rookie from Nebraska whose game-breaking speed and nifty agility were on display during his leaping touchdown run against the Seahawks last weekend. Helu has a team-high 356 yards on the ground and caught a Redskins-record 14 passes against San Francisco on Nov. 6. After shuttling him in and out of the lineup, Redskins coach Mike Shanahan finally seems to be convinced that Helu can get the job done, emphatically naming him the starter for Sunday's game against the New York Jets and presumably for the rest of the season. "He really took advantage of his opportunity," Shanahan said.



Perry Riley

Finally given a chance to step in at linebacker, Riley has provided a jolt of energy to a defense that was wearing down under the burden of being on the field for extended stretches. The second-year player from LSU is definitely a work in progress, flying around the field more on instinct than a true understanding of the Redskins' scheme, but since getting his first start three weeks ago against Miami, he's registered 34 tackles. And — oh, yeah — Riley owns a killer beard, which has to count for something. "He's got a big upside," Shanahan said. "I think he'll just keep on getting better and better."

3 Things To Watch



1 Grounded? The Jets have professed themselves to be a "ground-and-pound" team, but QB Mark Sanchez threw four TDs last week and will likely take to the air again.



2 Island time: Don't expect the Redskins' passing game to visit Revis Island, the territory staked out by CB Darrelle Revis. But the team should attack the struggling Antonio Cromartie.

3 TE terrors: This game features two up-and-coming tight ends in the Redskins' Fred Davis and the Jets' Dustin Keller, both of whom figure to see plenty of action in the short passing game. E.S.

Lack of Options Hinders Rebuilding UMd.

Stoglin is forced to act as point guard and leading scorer

Terps Men's Hoops

Maryland has but one true point guard right now and one true scoring threat. That might be enough to succeed, if it weren't the same person carrying both those titles.

On an undermanned roster, sophomore Terrell Stoglin is left to carry a disproportionate load for perhaps two more months, at least until starting point guard Pe'Shon Howard returns from a broken ankle.

Through six games, Stoglin has hoisted up more than twice as many shots as any other Terrapin. His 21 points per game is 11 points more than the next-highest scorer. And even as first-year coach Mark Turgeon acknowledges the need for Stoglin to put points on the board, he laments the sophomore's inconsistency in orchestrating the broader offense. Freshman Nick Faust, a natural shooting guard, is his only other option at the point.



Maryland guard Terrell Stoglin goes up for a shot last week against Florida Gulf Coast.

"Nick's not a point guard, but he's trying as hard as he can," Turgeon said. "Terrell is a point guard. He's got to do a little better job of getting us into our offense. I've got to do a little better job of figuring out ways to get into our offense."

Because Maryland (3-3) lacks athleticism and depth, Turgeon

believes it must be overcome by precision, by running plays exactly as they are designed. Against undefeated Illinois on Tuesday, Turgeon watched proudly from the sideline as the Terrapins built a first-half lead by moving off the ball, passing and scoring close to the basket. Then with both hands he pound-

ed the scorer's table in frustration as he saw those fundamentals disappear, along with the lead, in the final 20 minutes.

"The second half, we kind of panicked a bit, him and Nick," he said. "It was as bad as it could get there for a while."

But the first half provided enough of a glimmer, a feeling that lasting improvement was within reach, a feeling that wasn't there when the Terrapins lost two of three games during a recent trip to Puerto Rico. The Terrapins take that new optimism into Sunday's game against Notre Dame (5-2) in the BB&T Classic at Verizon Center.

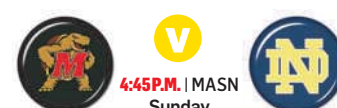
"We're in a learning process. We're a young team, new coach, everything new," Stoglin said. "I never watched so much film in my life until this year, this offseason. Just talking to Coach, I've got to pick my spots."

But perhaps more importantly, Turgeon and Stoglin agree, he's got to find spots for others, particularly senior Sean Mosley, who took only four shots on Tuesday, and Faust, who the coach said "needs to get his swagger back." **DEREK TURNER**

BB&T Games



VCU moves from the big stage of last year's Final Four to the undercard of this year's BB&T Classic. Shaka Smart is still coaching the Rams, who have bounced back from a rough start to win three-straight games. VCU catches George Washington in the midst of a busy stretch that will culminate with next week's game against Syracuse.



The Terps put up a good fight against Illinois but fell short. That may become a recurring theme this year. The Fighting Irish may be in the same boat after Tim Abromaitis, a first-team all-Big East preseason, went down with a season-ending injury. Notre Dame got thumped by Gonzaga Wednesday in its second game without its top player.



RETURNS

Back to Work

Two days of unemployment were plenty for Bruce Boudreau. The fired Caps coach has already jumped into his next NHL rebuilding project with Anaheim. Boudreau ran his first practice with the Ducks on Thursday, a few hours after Anaheim abruptly replaced coach Randy Carlyle with a former teammate. (AP)

Wizards Open for Business After Lockout

The Wizards

Wizards forward Andray Blatche was relieved — and a little surprised — to be back.

On the first day players were allowed to use NBA facilities, Blatche was joined by a handful of other NBA players and a group of hopefuls for a workout on Thursday. "I was starting to lose hope — and I didn't think there would be a season this year," Blatche said. "Every time there was a negotiation, everything kept going wrong."

After he learned that players and owners agreed on a contract early last Saturday morning, Blatche was overjoyed.

"Now, there's a season, and I



Ernie Grunfeld said he scoured Europe for players in the extended off-season.

can't wait to get back."

Only one of Blatche's current Washington teammates, Hamady N'Diaye, a restricted free agent,

joined him. Also there were a pair of former Wizards, Dallas Mavericks center Brendan Haywood, who gloated about winning the NBA championship to Blatche, and free agent Roger Mason Jr. So was Roy Hibbert, the former Georgetown star, who lives in the area and plays with the Indiana Pacers.

During the lockout, Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld kept busy by watching European League games and attending college practices and games.

Washington hasn't made the playoffs the last three seasons, and its combined record is 68-178. "I expect us to improve as the season goes along," Grunfeld said. "We started rebuilding last year."

Grunfeld is looking to add a free agent or two to his young club, which includes John Wall, last year's No. 1 overall draft choice.

Besides Blatche, who's in his seventh season, the Wizards currently have just one player over 25 — 32-year-old forward Rashard Lewis — who the team was forced to take from Orlando in exchange for getting rid of troubled guard Gilbert Arenas last December.

Once Grunfeld signs draft choices Jan Vesely, Chris Singleton and Shelvin Mack, Washington will have 10 players under contract. He'd like to re-sign swingman Nick Young. He could also bring back N'Diaye and guard Maurice Evans. (AP)

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Coale's Versatility Key for Hokies



8 P.M.
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Hokies Football

Danny Coale's role at Virginia Tech continues to grow, and it might not be a coincidence that coach Frank Beamer is giving him more responsibility as the games become more important.

The fifth-ranked Hokies play No. 21 Clemson for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship on Saturday in Charlotte, N.C., and the second-leading receiver in school history is likely to also be asked to handle the punting duties again.

Pretty impressive, too, since the senior handled the punting duties for an entire game for the first time



STEVE HELBER/AP

Wide receiver Danny Coale handled the punting duties for the Hokies last week.

last week against Virginia — when the Hokies (11-1) beat the Cavaliers to win the Coastal Division and clinch a berth in the title game.

Virginia Tech's two punters are available, but they have struggled this season.

47.5

Danny Coale's average yardage on his four punts in Virginia Tech's win over Virginia last weekend. He nailed a 52-yarder on his first kick.

"He's a guy that — he answers the bell," Beamer said of Coale. "I mean, his play at wide receiver, punt returns when he came in there that week and punt-returned for us, he did a great job. He's just one of those guys that is smart and a good football player and answers the bell."

Coale not only punted, but he helped out with punt returns against the Cavaliers.

He is also second to teammate Jarrett Boykin on the Hokies' career lists with 155 catches

for 2,530 yards, and is also perhaps the Hokies' best blocking wide receiver. Safety Eddie Whitley said he usually learns something on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, when the team is live in practice.

"He is a very savvy player. He knows how to use his head and knows what type of technical block to use on you," Whitley said Tuesday. "That helps us out both ways. We try to work on our block setting as well as them using their block technique. So we help each other out as much as possible."

After beating Virginia, the Hokies arrive in Charlotte with momentum on their side, much to the chagrin of Clemson.

"They have a ton," Tigers tight end Dwayne Allen said, noting that they've won seven in a row since that lone loss. HANK KURZ (AP)

Swengali

Timing Is Great For NBA's Return

Upon reflection, the NBA lockout was a good thing. At least in D.C.

There's been so much talk about Rex Grossman and John Beck, Bruce Boudreau and Alex Ovechkin, and Randy Edsall and the thousands of Terps fans not renewing season tickets, the Wizards would have been lost in the shuffle.

After the excitement of opening day, John Wall and Washington would quickly fade into another lackluster season. That will still happen, of course. Now, though, the Wizards are offering D.C. fans relief from some serious doldrums



By Matt Swenson
















McNabb Waived By the Vikings

Pro Football

Donovan McNabb is available again. The Minnesota Vikings waived the 13-year veteran quarterback on Thursday, giving him the opportunity to sign with another team for the stretch run in a parting that coach Leslie Frazier described as mutual.

McNabb

Frazier pushed for the Vikings to trade a sixth-round draft pick this summer to the Redskins in exchange for McNabb. He wanted stability he believed McNabb would bring to the offense after the NFL lockout kept rookie Christian Ponder from practicing with the team or working with his coaches until training camp. But McNabb went 1-5 as a starter, threw for only four touchdowns and completed just five passes of 25-plus yards. (AP)

Sunday Pick'Em		Matt Swenson SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Arnie Applebaum GENERAL MANAGER, EXPRESS	Thomas Keefe BARMANAGER, PUBLIC BAR	Dan Steinberg D.C. SPORTS BOG, WASHINGTON POST
  	JETS (MINUS 3) AT REDSKINS	JETS In the last month of the season, you have to pick the team that needs the win more.	JETS You know what happens when Grossman is pressured? It ain't pretty.	JETS Play like a turd for Robert Griffin III!??	REDSKINS Our Rex is better than their Rex. Or smaller, anyhow.
  	LIONS (PLUS 9) AT SAINTS	SAINTS Drew Brees would be the NFL MVP if Aaron Rodgers didn't exist.	SAINTS The Saints are great at home; the Lions are strong on the road.	SAINTS After Suh's opening act, Drew Brees directs his version of "Stomp."	SAINTS Lions are falling faster than John Beck's career.
  	PACKERS (MINUS 7) AT GIANTS	PACKERS Another year, another second-half swoon for Tom Coughlin's Giants.	PACKERS I think they can do it. Besides, I'm sick of hearing from the '72 Dolphins. Think 16-0.	PACKERS Is there anything better than a late-season Giants collapse?	PACKERS Giants are falling faster than John Beck's career.
  	FALCONS (MINUS 1.5) AT TEXANS	FALCONS Houston is likely going to the playoffs, but this is going to be a "what might have been" year.	FALCONS Hard to pick a team starting its third-string QB, isn't it?	FALCONS Immediately following loss, Gark Kubiak seen flying to the home of Brett Favre.	FALCONS Texans QB Kellen Clemens couldn't beat out John Beck in D.C.
  	BENGALS (PLUS 7) AT STEELERS	STEELERS Look, Pittsburgh is among the AFC's best teams again.	STEELERS Can you see Cincy beating Pittsburgh in December? Me, neither.	STEELERS Bengals DBs seeing black and yellow, black and yellow as Wallace and Brown fly by.	STEELERS Still feels to me like a Super Bowl rematch is on tap.

Season Tally: Dan Steinberg, 29-26; Public Bar, 35-20; Clinton Yates, 28-27; Matt Swenson, 32-23; Arnie Applebaum, 25-25

Just hope they stay interesting enough to get us through to March Madness.

The Redskins have gone from bad to boring. The Caps have already made their big move of the season by replacing Boudreau with Dale Hunter. And Maryland is probably sticking with its disastrous coach at least one more season.

We need a break.

So the start of a season that seemed destined to be canceled is welcome news.

Don't expect the Wizards to make too many headlines. Just hope they stay interesting enough to get us through to March Madness. Their starting two months late gives us a real chance for such a simple goal.

In all seriousness, a shot to see Wall healthy again is exciting. As is the intrigue over what he's done to improve his game.

At least we have another superstar to watch, just as the area's other top players are fading away.



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MATTHEW BENSON

Which veggies get a bad rap?

I think cabbage gets a bad rap. People think it's smelly and not sweet. But broil it, and it's the best thing.

In the dead of winter, is it OK to eat out-of-season stuff?

I'm not a purist — I think that by the time March rolls around, you get sick of cabbage and potatoes, especially since, in the Northeast, spring is a big lie. It doesn't really happen until June!

"Cabbage gets a bad rap. People think it's smelly and not sweet. But broil it, and it's the best thing."

Melissa Clark

FOOD WRITER, LATKE FANATIC

In her popular New York Times column "A Good Appetite," Melissa Clark tweaks seasonal recipes to make them both more interesting and more flavorful. It's a trick the creative foodie diva shows off in her 32nd cookbook, "Cook This Now" (\$30, Hyperion). She'll talk about it and sign books Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue (tickets \$8-\$10; 600 I St. NW; 202-408-3100, Sixthandi.org).

This book is structured around what you can find at farmers markets in given months. How should I approach the market if I'm a newbie?

Stay with what you know, and buy the cool, heirloom versions of it. And I have a rule that, if you're taking home something new, that nothing you buy at the farmers

market can hurt you eaten raw, except rhubarb leaves.

Winter markets offer challenges, though, don't they?

People think they'll go to the farmers market in winter and there will be nothing but potatoes. But winter can be amazing, with these hearty root vegetables, collard greens and kale. Just don't expect tomatoes and eggplants.

Fiddling with recipes is one of your trademarks. Any advice on how to do it?

I always begin following a recipe, because it's important to know how to make something before you tweak it. And when you start to tweak, think about what you are hungry for. Then adjust the spices and keep the technique.

Which non-winter veggies are OK from the supermarket, then?

I don't use out-of-season tomatoes much, but cukes are pretty reliable, and so is eggplant. It's just that food in season tastes better.

With Hanukkah and Christmas coming, what are you excited to make?

I'm excited to make parsnip latkes, which are so great. The parsnips are so sweet, it's like eating latkes with the applesauce built in.

You have a kiddo now. How has she changed how you cook?

It's made me conscious of what I can do quickly. What can I throw in the oven with olive oil that'll taste good? I have to be on autopilot if I'm cooking and my daughter is smushing Play-Doh into the plants. My food has become simpler, yet more intense, because if I'm not using six different herbs, I'm using one and getting the most flavor out of it. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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Goldie Luxe

THIS WEEK'S TWIST in the ongoing global financial meltdown led central banks to funnel cash to European countries in need. Quick, friends! Grab the euros! Onward, to the Champs-Élysées! Those reaping the rewards of the influx should invest in Guerlain Écrin 4 Couleurs Eye Shadow Palette (\$59, Neimanmarcus.com). The deep shades will keep eyes smoky until the next financial collapse.

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Grab Bag

Gallic Bred

COASTAL THINGS that look hipper in France include villas, bikinis and obscure Parisian actresses. St. James, another nicely nautical Gallic star, manufactures sexy — school-girlly knit dresses (shown, \$260); a quilted, belted parka (\$515); and cardigans (\$440) that'd stand up to chilly nights in Normandy. The brand just arrived at Hysteria (125 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-1615).



Sweater Equity

YOU CAN WARM UP your home in many ways — by cranking up the radiators, piling blankets on the bed or adopting a very affectionate sheepdog. Flor's latest carpet tiles, Just Plain Folk (\$15 each, Flor.com), bring the same cozy effect to what lies beneath your feet. The nylon cable-knit patterned squares can be mixed with other colorful tiles, much the same way you'd mix your fuzzy house slippers with yoga pants.

Meow Manse

MISTER WHISKERS, per usual, is not amused. You took away his favorite lair, your suitcase, and gave him Loyal Luxe's cardboard teepee (\$24, Velocityartanddesign.com) instead. The company, which also makes a feline cabin (\$24) and a cat-sized faux bearskin rug (\$30, both also at Velocity), seems to traffick in rustic-chic goods to please stylish pet owners. But there's no telling whether Kitty will retaliate by gifting you a mouse this holiday.



Savor & Save

AS IF GIFTS weren't expensive enough, holidays require a well-stocked kitchen and buckets of food. So, Aldi — the European, low-price premium grocery store (think Trader Joe's continental cousin) — opens its first D.C. store (901 17th St. NE) just in time. The 9,000-plus-outlet chain specializes in imported foods and sells popular name brands at up to 50 percent off. Bargains include Stonemill's vanilla extract (\$2), Carlini virgin olive oil (\$3.50) and Aldi's line of rich German chocolate, Moser Roth (\$2, shown).



Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

For Christmas, I've been looking to buy my little sister, who's a first-year student at a university in the upper Midwest, a new pair of winter boots that she can wear around campus. But everything is either too trendy or too expensive for my budget. Can you recommend something warm and stylish that won't break my bank? — CHLOE

Manolo says, each year when the weather turns chilly, the Mediterranean Manolo begins to look for the handsome fur coat.

Sadly, the two most readily available styles for the men are best described as the "Yukon Prospector" and the "Euro-Pimp Ski Trash," neither of which suits or excites the Manolo.

And thus you now understand why the Manolo prefers to live in the place where the temperatures rarely drop below the 60 degrees of Fahrenheit, because he is allergic to the way Gore-Tex looks.

But there are many other peoples who love the frosty mornings, when the skin on their faces freezes to the zippers of their puffy, down-filled plastic coats.

Still, winter is not without its pleasures, chiefly among which are the joys of wearing furry boots while imagining that you are Julie Christie waiting for Dr. Omar Zhivago to arrive at your secret winter dacha.

Here is the Cate the Great from the Sorel (\$200, Zappos.com). Not exactly Dr. Zhivago-ish, but still cute, fun and extremely practical for dealing with the most frigid of the Midwestern winters.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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◀◀ **Sunnies delight:** A pair of shades in Thomas Paul's retro case will make her dream of spring (\$18 and \$22, West of Soho, 2613 P St. NW; 202-450-1304).



↑ **Semi rough-cut quartz** meets sterling silver and gold in Margoni's dangle earrings (\$850, I Gorman, 1133 20th St. NW; 202-775-8544).

A Haul, Not From the Mall

Wading through Scrooge-y hordes at a big-box store is no way to nab interesting, thoughtful holiday gifts. Instead, shop locally and you'll both miss the masses and discover cool boutiques and markets. Presents made by D.C. artists star at Eastern Market every weekend or at the Handmade Holly Mart on Saturday at Nana (3068 Mount Pleasant St. NW; 202-667-6955). Or, hit browsable neighborhoods to find stuff — and stores — that are far from the madding crowds. JENNIFER BARGER

(EXPRESS)

➡ **D.C.'s Rebound Designs** turns out-of-date books into up-to-the-second iPad covers (\$75, Eastern Market or Rebounddesigns.etsy.com).

➡ **An ikat print** makes this Dopp kit worldly enough for an exotic trip (\$45, Red Barn Mercantile, 113 S. Columbus St., Alexandria; 703-838-0355).



District Diva

◀◀ **A star-shaped geode** stylishly shoots into her wardrobe via D.C. artist Daisy McClellan's necklace (\$96, Nana, 3068 Mount Pleasant St. NW; 202-667-6955).



↑ **Milk, vanilla and oatmeal** blend into a bath soak by Barr & Co. that sounds good enough to snack on (\$35, Red Barn Mercantile).



➡ **Woolly-yet-light scarves** come in enough colors for every chick on your shopping list (\$26, GoodWood, 1428 U St. NW; 202-986-3640).

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←←
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with cuff links crafted
of vintage dice (\$20
per pair, GoodWood).



←←
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court, but he can
express his inner
dandy with colorful
(but not too crazy)
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← **Little Olive or Cyrus** may eat peas more willingly if they're presented on plastic truck silverware (\$6 each, Hill's Kitchen, 713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997).

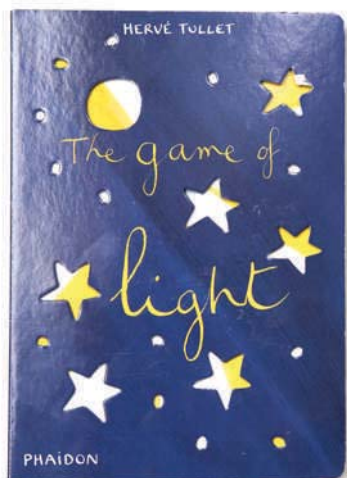


← **For a tot** obsessed with the zoo's new elephant exhibit: a homespun pachyderm (\$40, Anthro-pologie, 3222 M St. NW; 202-337-1363).



↑ **Fabric remnants** and old sweaters turn into pretty dolls in artist Jess Smith's hands (\$210, M29 Lifestyle, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-295-2829).

↓ **Kids can use flashlights** to cast cool shapes on the wall with a bedtime-worthy "Game of Light" book (\$10, Tabletop, 1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117).



↓ **Your nephew may not** be old enough to realize his Kenyan shirt is fair trade, but he'll know he looks hip. (\$32, Amani DC, 3166 Mt. Pleasant St. NW; 202-536-5303).



← **Call this wooden robot** low-tech high-tech. (And we won't tell if you buy it for an adult.) (\$38, Proper Topper, 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055).

Capital Kid



↓ **Any kid food** — Lunchables, kale sandwiches — tastes better served from a dog or cat pack (\$20, Home Rule, 1807 14 St. NW; 202-797-5544).

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◀◀ **Love letters** typed by the likes of Jack London and Mark Twain decorate an edgy set of cloth napkins ideal for romantic dinners (\$52 for four, GoodWood).

➡➡ **A trip to Africa** inspired local designer Supon Phornirunlit to craft mini-mounts of zebras, elephants, rhinos and more (\$45 each, Nakeddecor.com).



◀◀ **Let there be** mod light on their dining table or mantel next year, via a wood and ceramic taper holder (\$88 for two, Tabletop).



◀◀ **For wannabe Sinatras** and Drapers, a vintage martini set (plus a bottle of hooch) blends into a luxe, um, lush hostess gift (\$175, The Hour, 1015 King St.; 703-224-4687).



➡➡ **Middle Kingdom's** gray and purple vase works well with neutral blooms such as white roses (\$38, Tabletop).



➡➡ **They'll serve up** peanuts and candy (or just stash their house keys) in a glam triple brass bowl (\$130, Proper Topper).

➡➡ **Your Pop-Arty** pals can turn the sofa into a gallery with a candy-striped pillow (\$100, Room & Board, 1840 14th St. NW; 202-729-8300).



Your favorite beer nut can install this wooden opener in the kitchen or basement brew cave to open bottles of Bell's Two Hearted Ale et al. (\$36, Tabletop).



The Reelist**Way Past Bedtime**

One reason I like working at Express is my brain poops whenever I try to write anything longer than 500 words. I like short. When you write short, you have no choice but to cut the junk.

Which is why I wish "The Other F Word," a documentary opening Friday at the E Street Cinema, was a short rather than a feature-length film.



By **Kristen Page-Kirby**

The movie is about longtime punk rockers who now are fathers (such as NOFX's Fat Mike, above, with his daughter) grappling with universal issues (How can I be great at my job and be a great parent?) as well as ones that are more lifestyle-specific (Other kids' parents think I'm weird because I have a tattoo on my forehead).

Director Andrea Blaugrund Nevins allows the film to veer from what it does best — namely, showing guys who've built careers on rage reminding kids to do their homework before watching "American Idol" — and get into a philosophical discussion about how one can pay the mortgage and still feel like a badass. That's a fair question, but not one this film needs.

Cutting about 45 minutes would have bolstered the emotional resonance the film does have (especially when it becomes apparent that nearly all the men profiled had no father figure themselves). A little bit less would have made "The Other F Word" so much more.

Read Kristen's previous columns at: expressnightout.com/thereelist



In "Shame," New Yorker Brandon (Michael Fassbender) spends much of his time alone at home, staring at computer pornography while drinking beer and eating takeout.

Strangely Unsexy

Michael Fassbender stars as a sex addict hitting rock bottom in the joyless 'Shame'

Film Review

In France, they call an orgasm "the little death." In "Shame," Steve McQueen's mournful portrait of an addict hitting rock bottom, Michael Fassbender plays a man committing suicide by accumulation, seeking self-annihilation through the compulsive pursuit of sex. But what movies so often relegate to the margins of pornography here is radically redefined, stripped of its erotic charge and depicted as a numbing erasure of life and emotion.

If that makes "Shame" sound joyless, that's because it is. In fact, fans of Fassbender should be fore-

Methodology

'He Had to Be Repulsive'

"Shame" may elicit conflicting feelings in viewers who are attracted to the raw physicality and sensitivity Michael Fassbender projects on-screen but are repelled by his character, Brandon. "In a lot of respects, I knew that he had to be repulsive in certain scenes," Fassbender says. "There was an ugly element there that I really wanted to get to." A.H.

Shame (NC-17)

Director:

Steve McQueen

Stars: Michael Fassbender, Carey Mulligan

In a nutshell: A man's carefully cultivated private life is disrupted when his sister arrives unannounced.

warned that, although we see the handsome Irish actor in the buff, "Shame" is strangely unsexy.

As successful New Yorker Brandon, Fassbender spends a great deal of time staring moodily, whether at a potential conquest on the subway or at porn on his computer, where he sits alone at night drinking beer and eating takeout. In "Shame," New York isn't the glittering free-for-all of snares and seductions as

much as a hive of lonely, hidden isolates. Brandon may be able to make it anywhere, but even when he's with another person — a one-night stand or a prostitute — he's alone.

That changes with the arrival of his little sister, Sissy (Carey Mulligan), a blonde live wire whose hospital bracelet indicates that all is not entirely well with her either. Sissy upsets Brandon's metronomically choreographed rituals, which, it becomes clear, emanate from a wound deep in their shared past. "We're not bad people," Sissy says. "We just come from a bad place."

That's as specific as it gets in "Shame," which leaves motivations and backstories up to the imagination and focuses with unblinking frankness on the depths of Brandon's most self-loathing behavior and his frantic attempts to hide it.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Guido Unit: He's talked about it, but now Pauly D is officially a member of 50 Cent's music group. The "Jersey Shore" star has signed to the rapper's G-Note label, which focuses on dance and pop music. Pauly D has been working in music since he was 16 and parlayed his success on the MTV hit series into becoming an in-demand DJ. 50 Cent says Pauly D makes a "great addition to the G-Note and G-Unit family" and called him smart and creative. (AP)

Kanye West Holds Court

The outspoken rapper nabs 7 Grammy nods; Adele, Foo Fighters and Bruno Mars get 6

Music

It was Adele's year, and when the Grammy Awards are revealed next February, it very well may be her night.

But on Wednesday night, the British songstress shared in the Grammy nominations glory. While she was nominated for six trophies — including album of the year for “21” and record and song of the year for her

bitter groove “Rolling in the Deep” — Bruno Mars and the Foo Fighters also received six each, and it was Kanye West who was the night's leader, with seven nominations.

West was nominated for song of the year for his all-star anthem “All of the Lights,” which featured a variety of people, including Rihanna and Elton John. But even though the album from which it came, “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy,” heralded an epic album by critics when it was released last year, it was not featured in the best album category.

Other multiple nominees were Lady Gaga, Nicki Minaj, Lil Wayne,



Kanye West, above, faces off with Adele, below, for the song of the year Grammy.

Dark Horses

Arcade Fire Redux



Bon Iver, the folky indie rock act led by Justin Vernon, shown, was one of the night's big winners, receiving four nominations, including for best artist, and for song and record of the year for “Holocene.” The group likely benefited from fellow indie act Arcade Fire's unlikely win for album of the year in 2011. (AP)

Radiohead and dubstep artist Skrillex, who landed a bid for best new artist among his surprising five nominations.

Among the evening's biggest eye-openers were the artists not mentioned in certain categories. Taylor Swift, who won best album in 2010 for “Fearless” and was considered to be a key favorite for her multi-platinum album “Speak Now,” got her three nominations only in the country fields. West's joint album with Jay-Z, “Watch the Throne,” was also ignored for best album.

Besides Adele's “21,” the best album candidates included Lady Gaga for “Born This Way,” while veteran rockers the Foo Fighters were nominated for “Wasting Light,” along with Mars' debut album and Rihanna's steamy dance album “Loud.” NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

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ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG, 97 minutes)

In "Arthur Christmas," Santa Claus is a job title, handed down from father to son. The current Santa is nearing retirement age. His North Pole-based operation resembles Amazon.com staffed by elf-size Navy SEALs and run by Santa's No. 1 son, Steve, who is next in the line of succession. But then a little pink bike is discovered to have been accidentally misplaced, and Steve persuades his father to write it off as an acceptable error. That's unacceptable, however, to Santa's second, more idealistic son, Arthur. With his 136-year-old grandfather, a long-retired Santa, Arthur commandeers a sleigh and eight reindeer, and sets out to put things right. Arthur Christmas may be an inept bumbler, but the movie that bears his name sure isn't. **M.O.**

THE DESCENDANTS (R, 115 minutes)

George Clooney doesn't put a foot wrong except on purpose in "The Descendants,"



"Breaking Dawn" just wouldn't be a "Twilight" film without Bella (Kristen Stewart), left, and Edward (Robert Pattinson), right, staring longingly into each other's eyes.

a pitch-perfect movie that threads a tiny needle between comedy and devastating drama. Clooney's Matt King is the wealthy descendant of Hawaiian royalty, who, as the movie opens, is watching his wife, Elizabeth, lie comatose in a hospital bed after suffering a near-fatal boating accident. A distant husband and father, Matt must find a way to bond with his daughters, 10-year-old Scottie (Amara Miller) and 17-year-old Alex (Shailene Woodley). "The Descendants" is an ode to

emotional dissonance, wherein regret and antic humor can coexist and even share a drink; it's a tricky tonal high-wire act that writer-director Alexander Payne pulls off with uncommon skill and aplomb. **A.H.**

HAPPY FEET TWO (PG, 100 minutes)

In "Happy Feet Two," there's precious little of what gave "Happy Feet" its incongruous, yet infectious charm: a tap-dancing penguin. The gotta-move protagonist of the first animated, Antarctica-set feature — a misfit young emperor penguin named

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Mumble (Elijah Wood) — returns for the sequel. Only this time he's all grown up — and a lot less fun. In his place are a lot of other polar creatures vying for screen time and our attention. The biggest letdown is the absence of dancing. Mumble, the former hooper, is now the father of a penguin chick named Erik (Ava Acres). He spends most of his time putting his foot down after Erik, who doesn't like to dance, runs away from home, and Mumble is forced to go get him and bring him back, scolding him the entire way. So much for happy feet. **M.O. HUGO** (PG, 125 minutes) When Martin Scorsese announced that he would make his first 3-D movie — and a PG-rated family film, no less — several of his fans pronounced themselves flummoxed. But we didn't know that the movie would be "Hugo," an exuberant, if occasionally uneven, adaptation of Brian Selznick's movie-inspired illustrated novel. "Hugo" begins with one of the filmmaker's signature bravura tracking shots, this time through a cavernous train station in 1930s Paris. The camera is following the title character, a 12-year-old boy who lives secretly just below the station's



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The lack of tap-dancing from the penguin Mumble (Elijah Wood), left, leaves "Happy Feet Two" feeling awfully cold.

ceiling. When he's not scrounging for food, he's gathering trinkets and tools to fix a lifelike metal automaton that represents his last link to a once-happy life. For the most part, it's a somber affair, its self-seriousness only deepening when Hugo runs afoul of a grumpy toy seller and his goddaughter, Isabelle.

But during "Hugo's" final 20 minutes or so, the film truly comes to life. A.H. **MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE** (R, 101 minutes) Elizabeth Olsen delivers an utterly transfixing turn as the title character of this chilling psychological thriller, in which a young woman named Martha joins a cult and is rechristened "Marcy May" by the group's dangerously charismatic leader. Structured mostly in flashbacks while Martha seeks to reunite with her estranged sister Lucy, this is a story that's about a cult only in the most superficial sense. As Olsen's alternately recessive, spontaneous, blunt and vulnerable turn suggests, it's about a woman forging an identity in spite of the familial and pseudo-familial forces that never cease to exert their own destructive pulls. Just how Martha's reunion will play out with Lucy takes on the contours of a horror film in "Martha Marcy May Marlene," which, true to its art-house spirit, offers no easy answers. A.H. **MELANCHOLIA** (R, 135 minutes) A masterwork of grandeur, millennial angst and high romantic style, "Melancholia" takes themes that have marked the best

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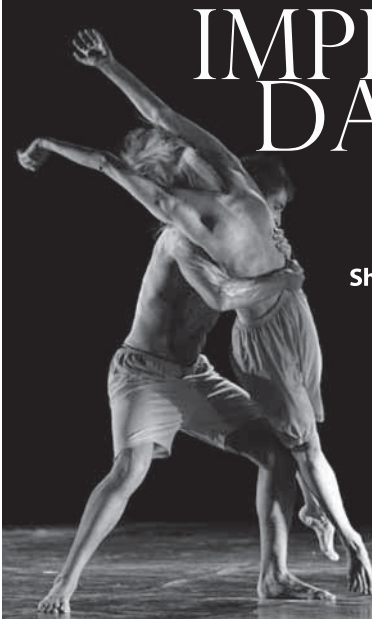
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films of 2011 and spins them into a blast of cosmic sparkle dust. "Melancholia" begins in earnest with the late arrival of a bride and groom to their wedding party. The bride's ambivalence comes into florid expression at the reception, a lavish affair that writer-director Lars von Trier films virtually in real time, as the newly wed Justine and her groom, Michael, navigate their fragile new life as a couple. The setup has the makings of a bitterly funny dysfunctional-family comedy, but von Trier instead plays it for maximum nihilistic drama. The "Melancholia" wedding seems to go on and on, with Justine's skepticism finally taking a shockingly subversive turn. As von Trier's ultimate wish-fulfillment fantasy, "Melancholia" is a broodingly downbeat self-portrait but also the inspiring work of an artist of seemingly boundless imaginative power. A.H.

THE MUPPETS (PG, 98 minutes) "The Muppets" is both a delightful family film about the Muppets and a winking, self-referential satire about how lame the Muppets are. How does it manage that trick? By starting with the premise that the Muppets are has-beens. What sets the plot in motion is a visit to Los Angeles by Gary, Mary and Walter (Gary's somewhat codependent brother). Walter is a Muppets groupie, and when he arrives in Hollywood he can't quite accept the fact that his heroes are washed up. With the assistance of Gary and Mary, Walter sets out to reunite the Muppets for one last show, the proceeds from which will be used to save the decrepit Muppet Studios building from being torn down. So far, so corny. What saves "The Muppets" from itself is a sharp eye for just how silly all of this is. Directed by James Bobin and co-written by Segel and Nicholas Stoller, the film is mordant without being mean and sweet without being saccharine. M.O.

TOWER HEIST (PG-13, 105 minutes) Ben Stiller plays Josh Kovacs, the general manager of the Tower, a posh apartment complex. Overseeing a motley staff, Josh proudly caters to every passing whim of his elite clientele, the richest of whom is penthouse dweller Arthur Shaw. He appears genial, but when the staff pensions Josh invested with Shaw disappear like the dregs of last night's single malt,

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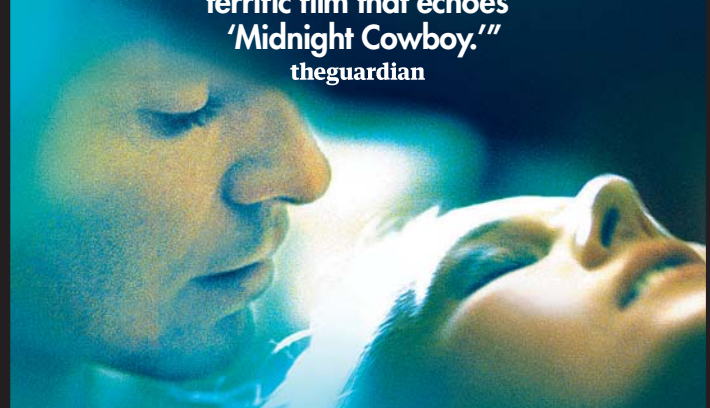
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the game is afoot. As enjoyable as the individual performances are, they don't always emulsify into a smoothly integrated whole. But that matters little in a movie that derives most of its cachet from how uncannily it chimes with the times. The "Tower Heist" heroes often seem lifted directly from the Central Casting handbook, their antics preposterous enough to beggar belief, but they

arrive at just the right moment. They're the 99 percent. A.H.

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 1 (PG-13, 117 minutes) Recent high school graduate Bella Swan grows up a lot in "Breaking Dawn - Part 1," becoming a bride, a potential mother and perhaps something stranger. Yet the "Twilight Saga" hasn't matured along with its heroine. In fact, the latest movie

regresses a bit, delivering more filler, less feeling and crummier CGI than last year's "Eclipse." As the trailer (and the book) have already revealed, the drama this time is principally obstetric. In the movie's bland first half, Bella (Kristen Stewart) prepares for woodland nuptials with pasty vampire dreamboat Edward (Robert Pattinson). We do see a bloody Edward-ian flashback and an angry run

through the Washington-state forest by wolfman Jacob (Taylor Lautner), the excluded member of the tale's menagerie a trois. But much of the action involves shoes, dresses and tearful, happy-sad chats with Mom and Dad. **MARK JENKINS**

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ers, and this weekend the women
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es will compete to create the best
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Lindsay Nader participating in the
Los Angeles event) that pits lady
bartenders against each other —
Sunday's event will feature PS 7's
Gina Chersevani and the Tabard Inn's
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**Jack Rose Dining Saloon, 2007 18th
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2 Handmade Holidays
The centerpiece of
the Washington Craft Show is
the nearly 200 artists display-
ing their work (in jewelry, leath-
erwork, basketry, etc.), and the
sideshow this year is wearable
art. Friday and Saturday will fea-
ture fashion shows, the better to
entice you to buy ridiculous hats
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3 What's on Your Face?
November was a confusing month — since
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money for prostate cancer through the
Movember Foundation all month, it's
been impossible to tell whether
guys you meet are committed to
doing good in the world or are
porn stars from the 1970s.
If you've been growing
one (or if you like dudes
who are into charity),
stop by the closing party
for an evening of mustache com-
petitions and a last chance to appreci-
ate the majestic lip sweaters of D.C. **Rock and
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The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) Digital
Presentation: (I) 9:55-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D:
11:00-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:40
Tower Heist (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 11:40-2:20-5:00-
7:45-10:20
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) CC-Closed
Captions/RealD 3D: 11:30
The Descendants (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 10:40-12:40-
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Immortals 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 1:45-7:35
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The Ides of March (R) 1:25-7:35
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J. Edgar (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 3:30-7:00-10:30
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Happy Feet Two in 3D (PG) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00
pm/RealD 3D: 10:00-3:10-8:10
Tower Heist (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive
Video: 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:30
Puss in Boots (PG) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00 pm/Digital
Presentation: 12:10-2:30-4:50
The Ides of March (R) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00
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The Way (PG-13) 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15
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Like Crazy (PG-13) 12:00-12:00
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Shame (NC-17) (I) 12:30-2:00-3:00-4:30-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:30-
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Citizen Kane (PG) 12:00AM
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The Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage)
(NR) English Subtitles: 2:20-9:00
Drive (R) 9:50
Margin Call (R) 3:00-5:20-7:40
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 2:40-7:20-9:20
The Swell Season (NR) 4:40-7:00
The Way (PG-13) 5:00

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My Week with Marilyn (R) NO PASSES: (I) 2:55-5:05-7:15-
9:20: (I) 12:40
Margin Call (R) 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:05-9:25
The French Connection (R) 9:15
Sesame Street Presents: Follow that Bird (NR) 5:00
The Muppet Movie (G) 7:00

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Oranges and Sunshine (NR) 2:30
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TV weekend **lookout**

Return to 'Neverland'

A new take on 'Peter Pan' stuns visually but lacks cohesion

Fantasy

SUN 9:00 Syfy's "Neverland" offers a prequel to the "Peter Pan" story by way of "Lost," "Avatar" and any number of fantasies that may or may not include the kitchen sink. It starts out in Victorian London. No, make that on the bounding waves in the 1700s. No, it begins on a lost planet long ago and far away. It's about time travel. Magic. Fairies. Pirates. Native Americans. Alchemy. You name it.

The principal, or most coherent, story among many tales is that of Peter (Charlie Rowe), the impish leader of a band of merry pickpock-



An orb sends Peter (Charlie Rowe) to a magical land in this prequel to "Peter Pan."

ets who work the London streets circa 1906. Hired by their mentor, Jimmy (Rhys Ifans), to rob a jewelry store, they bite off more fantasy than they can chew when they happen upon a magic orb that transports them to a mystical land filled with pirates, Indians and a forest city

created by an alchemist.

Like many made-for-TV spectacles, "Neverland" is nothing short of eye-popping in the special effects department. But once you get beyond the visuals, the four-hour effort is more overwhelming than engaging.

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Best Bets

SAT 8:00

A Princess for Christmas (HALL) Sir Roger Moore and Katie McGrath star in this modern fairy tale about a woman fallen on hard times who, a year after taking charge of her orphaned niece and nephew, finds herself invited to spend Christmas with their grandfather — a duke.

SUN 8:00

Once Upon a Time (ABC) After falling madly in love with Mary Margaret (Ginnifer Goodwin), David (Josh Dallas) — aka John Doe — must choose between her and Kathryn (Anastasia Griffith). Emma (Jennifer Morrison, shown) catches the sheriff in a lie. In the fairy-tale realm, Prince Charming (Dallas) is about to see his life and destiny forever changed.



SUN 10:00

Chef Roble & Co. (BRAVO) He pleases celebrity palates at Avenue (where he says the most popular things stars such as Kanye West and Johnny Depp order are sliders and waffle fries) and at private events. Now chef Roble Ali, shown, is launching his own catering company with the help of his sister, a quirky crew and a steady stream of A-list clients.



SUN 10:00

Hung (HBO) In the season finale, Tanya and Ray (Jane Adams and Thomas Jane) search for Charlie (Lennie James), Matt (Matt Walsh) accuses Jess (Anne Heche) of negligence, and Lenore (Rebecca Creskoff) tries to eliminate Sandee (Analeigh Tipton). (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Comebacks



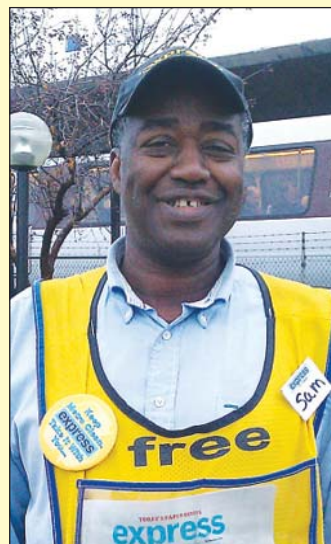
New Network, Same Mission

John Walsh, shown, is rallying America against the nation's bad guys again. "America's Most Wanted," a Fox mainstay for 23 years before that network canceled it last spring, returns to weekly television at a new address: Lifetime, where it premieres Friday at 9 p.m. "It will be basically the same show," says Walsh, whose criminal roundup has led to the capture of more than 1,100 fugitives in the U.S. and 30 countries, plus the rescue of 61 children and missing persons — and counting. (AP)

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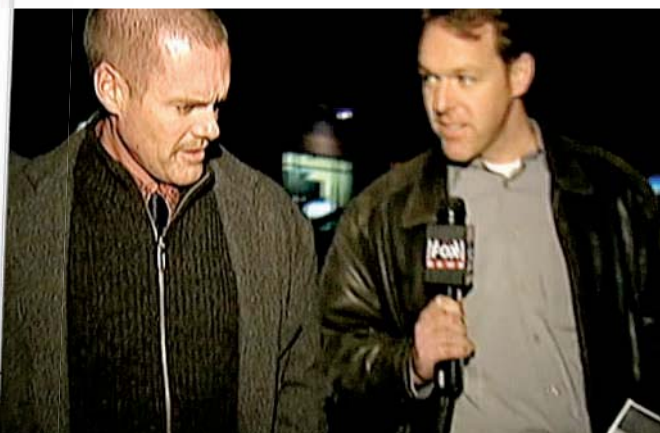
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—**BUSINESSINSIDER.COM** reports Ticketmaster is being forced to refund \$1.50 per ticket order, up to 17 orders, due to the fact the company profited off of “processing fees” as part of a class action settlement.

“I understand the nostalgia for how things used to be, but the image of an American family gathered in front of the TV as though they were supplicants to an electronic god belongs in a Norman Rockwell painting.”

— A commenter at **INSIDETV.EW.COM** is not surprised at a Nielsen report that, for the first time since 1970, the number of households with a television will decline in 2012 for the first time.

“Next we’ll ask Siri questions about evolution, and Siri will respond with phrases from the Book of Genesis. We’ll ask if she can get us flowers, and she will respond, ‘Are those for your wife?’ We’ll try to get her to direct us to a motel and she will tell us, ‘You need to stop before you tear your family apart.’”

—**WASHINGTONPOST.COM’S** Compost blog addresses reports that the iPhone 4S’ voice assistant, Siri, is programmed to refuse to help its users find abortion clinics.

“My English teacher is a gay pornstar. #nbd”

—**@SMDIBEN** expresses the general sentiment of students at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Massachusetts after a report by local TV station WFXT that Kevin Hogan, above left, a teacher at the high school, has allegedly appeared in at least three adult videos caused the district to place Hogan on paid leave.

“During that long month of November, hopefully, at least one man out there decided that having a mustache is a blessing and decided to spare its life this December 1.”

—**GAWKER.COM’S** Bryan Moylan vilifies those men who decided not to keep their mustaches at the end of November, the annual campaign to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You may want to shake things up a bit and provide that which is not expected from you today. You can have fun surprising the masses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Seek a stronger position from which to announce yourself today; you don't want your opening gambit to go unnoticed, do you?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may have to relive something unpleasant today in order to get past the obstacles that you have put in front of yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may feel as though even those closest to you — including your soul mate — do not really understand what you're after at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A collaborative effort can only pay off today if you are willing to let another take the reins when it is his or her turn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's been quite awhile since you touched base with someone who was a central figure in your life a while back. Today's the day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll enjoy much today that you consider routine — but at this time, even the smallest things take on greater significance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Why wait when you can make an early start and begin having an impact before others have even entered the game? Strike while the iron is hot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It may be hard for you to do something in an old, familiar way when all you want to do is explore new options.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You feel as though you are getting further and further away from that which means the most to you in your daily life. You can halt this trend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You won't have to wait very long before a decision is made by another that dictates in what direction you will be moving by day's end.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 210

E ₁	E ₁	I ₁	T ₁	W ₄	S ₁	B ₃
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A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	U ₁	P ₃	C ₃	L ₁
I ₁	O ₁	U ₁	T ₁	R ₁	R ₁	B ₃

Double
Word Score

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

1st Letter
Triple

Yesterday's Solution

C ₃	O ₁	U ₁	N ₁	C ₃	I ₁	L ₁	RACK 1 =	61
A ₁	T ₁	T ₁	A ₁	C ₃	H ₄		RACK 2 =	11
B ₃	R ₁	O ₁	W ₄	N ₁	I ₁	E ₁	RACK 3 =	65
C ₃	O ₁	M ₃	P ₃	A ₁	N ₁	Y ₄	RACK 4 =	98
PAR SCORE 150-160								TOTAL
								235

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5	1						7	
	3		1	2				4

Yesterday's Solution

8	5	2	9	3	4	1	7	6
4	1	9	5	6	7	8	2	3
7	6	3	2	1	8	9	4	5
3	8	1	7	4	2	5	6	9
9	2	6	8	5	1	7	3	4
5	7	4	6	9	3	2	1	8
1	4	5	3	2	9	6	8	7
2	9	7	4	8	6	3	5	1
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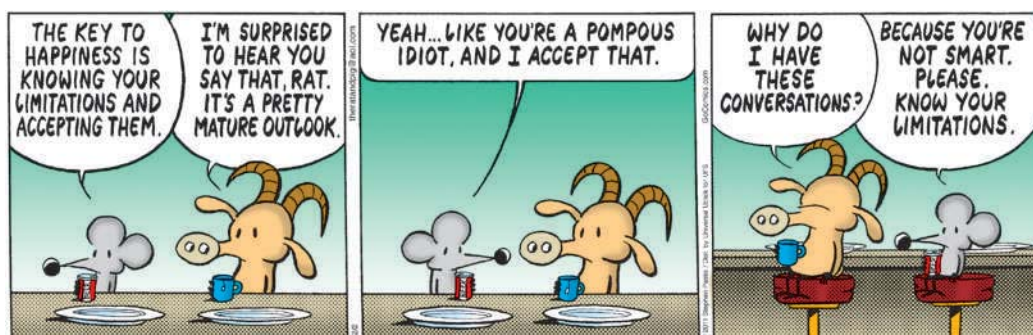
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Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
55	43	61
43	61	49
61	49	60
49	60	42

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:08 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today: 12:20 p.m.
Moonset today: none

Almanac

Normal high: 52
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THE SPICE GIRLS

1 Prepare for a boxing match
5 Delivery result
10 Places for props
14 "Major" animal
15 Bomber Gay
16 "The Last of the Mohicans" heroine
17 Spice girl that sang "Come On-A My House"?
20 "Green Acres" star Gabor
21 It's found in rinks and drinks
22 Estate lawyer's specialties
23 Cheese made from ewe's milk
25 Use a rudder
27 Spice girl that danced with Fred Astaire?
32 Autumn need
35 Kills, as a beast
36 Part of HOMES
37 Music to a matador's ears
38 Hero in Zaire, 1974

39 Well-placed
serve
40 Cigarette
substances
42 "It's ____ world ..."
(male chauvinist's
claim)
44 Kind of collar
45 Neil Young classic
about a spice girl?
48 Earthly pigment
49 One often found
playing a round
53 Prepare apples,
in a way
56 Meditation
syllable for an
electrician?
57 Pompeii fallout
58 Spice Gal called
"Sir" by Marcie
62 Bottom of the
foot
63 From then on
64 Pipe part
65 Made a tax
valuation (Abbr.)
66 Cornered in
branches
67 Funeral fire

- 1 More likely
- 2 Brigham Young University's home
- 3 Indian state
- 4 "Norma ____" (1979 movie)
- 5 Guidance signals
- 6 Concerning, in memos
- 7 Orbison who sang "Oh, Pretty Woman"
- 8 Pampering, for short
- 9 Bare-back blouses
- 10 Source of widespread devastation
- 11 Billions of years
- 12 Shipping weight allowance
- 13 "Simon ____"
- 18 Short skirt
- 19 Two-toned cookie
- 24 Mature, as cheese
- 25 Established water route
- 26 Making an effort
- 28 Alluring beauty (var.)
- 29 "E" in QED

30 Puerto ____
31 Observed
32 Military training
program
33 Jai ____ (fast
court game)
34 Tighten up type
41 Got nosy
42 Massachusetts
college
43 See 31-Down
44 Right-angled
building addition
46 Land measure
47 Cakewalk
50 Like some acids

51 Fragrant
compound
52 Limerick
characteristic
53 "____-daisy!" (cry
to a baby)
54
Ultramodernists
55 Pfc's superiors
56 Fairy tale
starter
59 Bygone Russian
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60 "Medic" ending
61 Venomous
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DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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1859 Militant abolitionist John Brown is hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry, W.Va., the previous October.

1927 Ford Motor Co. unveils its Model A automobile that replaces its Model T.

1942 An artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction is demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.

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Cool Kid University's 2012 Commencement Speaker Is Announced

Bruce Springsteen will be the keynote speaker at the 2012 South by Southwest music festival in Texas. The Boss will address participants at a March 15 event at the Austin Convention Center. Previous keynote speakers include Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Lucinda Williams, Robert Plant, Smokey Robinson and Neil Young. (AP)

POLITICS

They Really Just Wanted Kate, but She'd Bring Wills, And Then Harry Would Pout

Prince William, his wife, Kate, and his brother, Prince Harry, will be official ambassadors to the 2012 London Olympic Games. St. James's Palace said all three will play a leading role in "encouraging and inspiring the British public to rally behind the 900 Olympic and Paralympic athletes" competing for Britain. William said he feels honored to have been chosen. (AP)



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Country singer Mindy McCready says she will not bring her 5-year-old back from Tennessee to Florida, despite violating a custody arrangement. A judge ordered authorities Thursday to take the boy into custody and return him. McCready says she can't travel because she's pregnant with twins. (AP)

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Barbara Walters has named Simon Cowell, Derek Jeter and Katy Perry as three of the year's "10 Most Fascinating People." Also on the list: Donald Trump; the Kardashian family; Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet, the on-screen couple from ABC's "Modern Family"; Pippa Middleton; and Amanda Knox. The No. 1 Most Fascinating Person of 2011 will be announced on the show. Walters' 19th annual "Fascinating People" edition airs on ABC on Dec. 14. (AP)



COWELL



JETER



TRUMP



KARDASHIANS



UNDERSTATEMENTS

Michael Salahi Did Not Trade Up

Journey guitarist Neal Schon — aka Michael Salahi's boyfriend — is being sued by an ex who says she was "in a marriage-like relationship" with him. Ava Fabian says she and Schon accumulated property and income together, and that she tended "to his every need to the detriment of her own career and livelihood." (EXPRESS)

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